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### A RAMBLE IN CIGAR LAND.

By Wm. A. Stickney.

Every day you hear smokers re-  
mark, "Cigars are not so good as when  
we first began smoking," and the rea-  
sons assumed for the deterioration  
are that the soil must have run out,  
or is over fertilized, or not fertilized  
enough; or the Spanish-American war  
ruined all the good tobacco planta-  
tions, and many other reasons are  
given for the lack of quality of the  
present day cigar.

You are wrong, Mr. Smoker-  
man. Cigars have kept in full  
pace with other lines of manu-  
facture, have improved rather than  
deteriorated, and that they are lack-  
ing in quality is purely an imagina-  
tion of your own. The cultivation of  
tobacco has greatly improved, new  
and better methods of curing and  
handling the leaf have developed, san-  
itary conditions of factories are more  
carefully looked after, closer atten-  
tion is paid to blending and combin-  
ing tobaccos, workmanship, selecting  
and shading of the colors, packing and  
proper boxing; while every shape and  
size to suit the whim of every cranky  
smoker is considered, and from five  
to eight shadings of each size given  
him to select from, and yet he kicks  
like a government mule for "the kind  
he used to get."

My father told me that his father  
told him this same story. Like the  
mother's pie story, it has been told  
and repeated so often it has become

a belief. Indeed, I can believe that  
the Indian, when he handed Columbus  
the first roll of the weed any white  
man had ever seen, remarked apologet-  
ically that he had his father's (Old  
Killiknick) word that the crop of that  
year (1492) was not quite up to the  
1472 crop.

Owing to climatic conditions, there  
is quite a variation in the amount  
and quality of tobacco grown each  
year, but nearly all manufacturers, by  
carefully watching the crop produc-  
tion, obtain and carry a two or three  
year's supply of leaf which improves  
greatly by age, and by adding to this  
stock from each succeeding year's  
crop the standard of quality, or "in-  
dividuality" of the cigar, can be main-  
tained.

In grandfather's day comparatively  
few of the fine grades of cigars were  
imported. The imports then were  
principally Plantations (Pigtails), roll-  
ed by the farm hands between crop  
seasons, naturally of hap-hazard work-  
manship and indifferently selected  
stock, and Principes and Yaras, also  
crudely made, and only a trifle bet-  
ter in selection of material. These  
cigars are still to be obtained, but  
Uncle Sam's duty quite keeps them  
out of the market. Manillas were pop-  
ular prior to the Civil War, but the  
duty and premium on gold put a check  
to the importation of all foreign-made  
cigars and gave American cigars from  
our home grown tobaccos an oppor-  
tunity to show their merits. At that  
period really began the "domestic"  
cigar industry—duties increased by a